

# NOTICE OF SPILL FROM A WASTEWATER FACILITY

A spill from a wastewater treatment or collection facility has occurred.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPILL

Facility Name: City of Lake Jackson Permit # WQ0010047-01

Contact for further information: David Ellis, Utilities Superintendent

Location of the spill: Force Main and Lift Station 1, at 100 Access/404 Hwy 332

Estimated time and date of spill: Start: 12/29/09, 8:00PM End: 12/30/09, 12:00AM

Estimated volume of the spill (# of gallons): 200,000 gallons total

Type of spill (domestic, industrial, other): domestic

Area potentially affected: From pit at construction site and overflow from Lift Station to adjacent drainage ditch.

Suspected cause of spill: A contractor for the City attempted to tie-in the relocated force main at 100 Access/404 Hwy 332. This required that Lift Station # 1 be offline while three tie-ins were made successfully. While attempting to make the last tie-in the existing portion of the force main that they were connecting to separated from an adjacent fitting. They reinserted the pipe into the fitting and we were able to restart Lift Station # 1 around 7:30PM with a small but manageable leak at the fitting. Around 8:00PM this pipe blew out of the fitting under pressure. With fittings on hand and at the city barn, we were able to construct a temporary bypass of the trouble area. Around 12:00AM this bypass was put in service. From 8:00PM until 12:00AM sewer overflowed from Lift Station # 1 to the adjacent ditch. After service was restored the area was cleaned .

## THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN:

- ☒ Appropriate local government officials have been notified.
- ☒ TNRCC regional office has been notified.
- ☒ The spill has been contained.
- ☐ Increased monitoring of water supply systems has been initiated.
- ☒ The cause of the spill has been corrected.
- ☒ Clean-up activities are underway/completed.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONS MAY WISH TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS

- Use only water that has been distilled or boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute for all personal uses including drinking, cooking, bathing and tooth brushing.
- Don't swim in affected area streams, ponds or lakes.
- Always wash hands thoroughly before preparing or eating food.
- Always wash hands thoroughly after any contact with animals, soil or diapers.
- Private well owners may wish to treat their well water, have their well water tested and inspect their wells for proper siting, construction and maintenance.